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To: Members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee
From: Americans for Tax Reform
Re: Written Testimony in Support of HCR 8

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey,

My name is Doug Kellogg. I am State Projects Director for Americans for Tax Reform. On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and our supporters across Ohio, I offer this testimony in support of HCR 8, a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to make the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) permanent.

The TCJA, or Trump tax reforms have not only reduced the income tax burden on hardworking Americans, they have made it easier for businesses to create jobs, driving employment and economic growth.

It is vital for Ohio families and businesses that this friendlier federal tax environment is made permanent.

If Congress fails to extend the Trump tax cuts, taxpayers would face the largest tax increase in American history. Failure from Congress to act would mean taxpayers fall back into living under former President Obama's tax rates:

- The standard deduction, currently claimed by 90 percent of tax filers, would be cut in half
- Forty million families would see their current Child Tax Credit cut in half
- A family of four earning \$80,610 on [average](#) would see a \$1,695 tax hike
- More than 26 million small business owners would be hit with a 43.4 percent tax rate

President Trump has made clear numerous times that permanent extension of the tax cuts is core to his economic agenda, saying in his March 4, 2025 address to Congress: "We are seeking permanent income tax cuts all across the board."

Ohio is benefiting greatly from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: 826,160 Ohio households are benefiting from the TCJA's doubling of the child tax credit, 4,139,650 Ohio households are benefiting from the TCJA's doubling of the standard deduction.

Thanks to the tax cuts, nine out of ten households take the standard deduction which provides tax relief and simplifies the tax filing process. Additionally, 132,140 Ohio households are benefiting from the TCJA's elimination of the Obamacare individual mandate tax. Most households hit with this tax made less than \$50,000 per year.

Many Ohio businesses have increased pay, hired new workers, expanded operations, cut costs for consumers, and provided other benefits due to the TCJA. The full list of announced TCJA benefits is available at ATR.org (<https://atr.org/ohio/>).

For these reasons, Americans for Tax Reform applauds and supports HCR 8 to encourage Congress to prioritize making the Trump tax cuts permanent.

Thank you.

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